

THE PRESIDENT IN CHARLOTTE.

A Few Items Clipped From The Chronicle.

Those close to President Taft on the reviewing stand had a good opportunity to observe how closely the President is guarded. His aide, Major Butt, was constantly at his back. There were two men of the Secret Service, who were never three feet from his side. Inconspicuous men they were, but never were two men more alert. They saw and took a mental photograph of everybody who entered the presidential box; they were alert to every unusual movement of the crowd. If a man stood with hands in his pockets anywhere in the vicinity of the President, they would brush against him and knock his hands free. Silent men they were, too, intent upon one thing only—the outlook for any sign or manifestation of trouble for the President. And each of them carried a gun eighteen inches long under the tail of his frock coat.

The appearance of the veterans of the Grand Army Post and of the Camp of Confederate Veterans was the occasion of the most pronounced salute President Taft gave during the day.

Mrs. Jackson occupied a seat next to President Taft on the reviewing stand and received the homage that is always evoked on her every appearance in public.

An incident of the reception to Mr. Taft last night was the presentation on behalf of the descendants of the signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence of a silver paper weight. It was made by Prof. Bentheim, sculptor of this city of some note, and on a flat surface there is a likeness of President Taft. The presentation was made by Major W. A. Graham in an appropriate way. Responding, President Taft remarked that he was glad to see the designer had succeeded in getting on it "the smile that will not come off." The silver in the paper weight cost \$44 and was bought from the Treasury Department. The presentation was witnessed by a group of the descendants and both the speech and response were applauded.

The veterans remained by the side of the President throughout the hour while the parade was passing the reviewing stand. The scene was one of more than ordinary significance, and the President was deeply touched by the signal honor shown him by the members of the camp and the post. The spectators also felt strange thrills as they viewed the sight, the mingling of the veterans of two great armies, once hostile, but now united under one flag. The scene as it was presented yesterday will not soon be forgotten.

The keynote of President Taft's speech yesterday was his championship of a non-partisan judiciary. What he said was in explanation and defense of his action in appointing Judge Connor to the Federal Court bench in North Carolina. Coupled with it was a promise which no one doubts he will fulfill. "The Federal judiciary," he said, "should be as much appreciated in the South as the North, and if I have an opportunity to make any appointments in the South it will continue to be my chief duty to make such appointments as shall appeal to all the people, whether they be Republicans or Democrats." President Taft very properly urged a support of his policy in this matter by the people of both parties. He will have the support of the thinking element of both the Democratic and Republican parties. In each

party there is a faction that looks to rewards and spoils only and that will raise a discordant voice at any departure from such a policy. But President Taft has the great body of the people behind him. The course which he has mapped out has stirred their patriotic impulses and has drawn them a little bit closer than common to the head of the nation.

It is all over now even to the shouting, but the rain still continues. Yet Charlotte had a great celebration and the rain that marked it, means a bigger cotton and corn crop than the South would have had if it had not rained on the 20th of May. So we are the gainers, all around. Mr. Taft enjoyed it all, and the next time Charlotte wants to get him here it will only have to say the word.

State Forest.

Raleigh, May 18.—By virtue of Chapter 89, Public Laws of 1909, Governor Kitchin declares all lands of George W. Vanderbilt lying above the contour line of 2,000 feet above sea level, in Buncombe, Transylvania, Haywood and Jackson counties, a "State forest of North Carolina." The proclamation says that after this notice of declaration has been published in three consecutive issues of a news paper in each of these counties that the said lands are State lands for 30 years, provided the owner carries out the provisions of the law which give the Governor of North Carolina the right to declare a State forest.

Wilson-Wright.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Dr. Louis R. Wilson, of Lenoir, now librarian in the University at Chapel Hill, and Miss Penelope Bryan Wright, of Coharie, Sampson county, N. C., on Thursday afternoon, June 10th, at 3 o'clock.

This popular young couple have many friends and acquaintances in Lenoir and vicinity who will join The News in extending congratulations. In this connection there are a number of other weddings interesting to Lenoir people to take place in the "near future," but at present we are not at liberty to give names and dates.

Express Car Robbed.

Augusta, Ga., May 18.—Two robbers boarded Southern passenger train No. 17, at Warrentonville, S. C., 10 miles out, to-night, got the drop on Express Messenger Thomas L. Hutlow, knocked him senseless with a piece of rubber hose, pinioned his arms behind his back, took his keys, threw him into an empty express chest, locked him therein and ransacked the car at will. The train makes up at Branchville and carries through express and mail from Charleston and Columbia to Augusta.

C. Burell, agent of the Southeastern Express Company at Augusta, states that the records show that the robbers secured about \$200. This is the first time on record that the express has been of such small amount. The average currency express thereon is \$2,500 to \$10,000.

The robbers rode into Augusta and left the train on Broad street, in the centre of the city. No one on the train knew of the incident and the robbery was not discovered until the messenger was liberated at the Union station, negro protesters who were to engage in unloading the express, having located the imprisoned man by his vigorous kicking within the box.

Cook Burned to Death.

Greensboro, May 18.—Nellie Graves, colored, who was employed as a cook at the home of Mr. H. B. Tatum, on East Market street, lost her life to-day as the result of a horrible accident. The woman attempted to start a fire in the kitchen range with the aid of a five-gallon can of kerosene, when the oil ignited and caused a terrible explosion. When members of the family heard the explosion and rushed to the kitchen, the room was dense with smoke and the woman was enveloped in flames. While the firemen were working to save the residence from destruction, physicians were fighting for the life of the servant, but it was soon realized that her condition was hopeless. The woman was fearfully burned, the flesh peeling off at many places on the body. Death ensued in the course of a few.

The Glorious Fourth.

There is a strong and growing sentiment in favor of having a celebration in Lenoir on the approaching 4th of July.

It has been a number of years since anything of the kind has been held here and many of us are getting hungry for something of the kind. These gatherings are helpful and pleasant in many ways, old friends can meet and shake hands and enjoy the day together, and the young men and maidens can have a jolly good time, and all can renew friendships and acquaintances as well as be entertained.

Then it is most fitting and proper that the great national holiday be properly observed. In order that the matter may be taken in hand properly and in a business like way, it is suggested that a mass meeting be held at the court house Friday night, 28th at 8 o'clock to discuss the question and do whatever the meeting thinks best in the premises.

Summer Schedule.

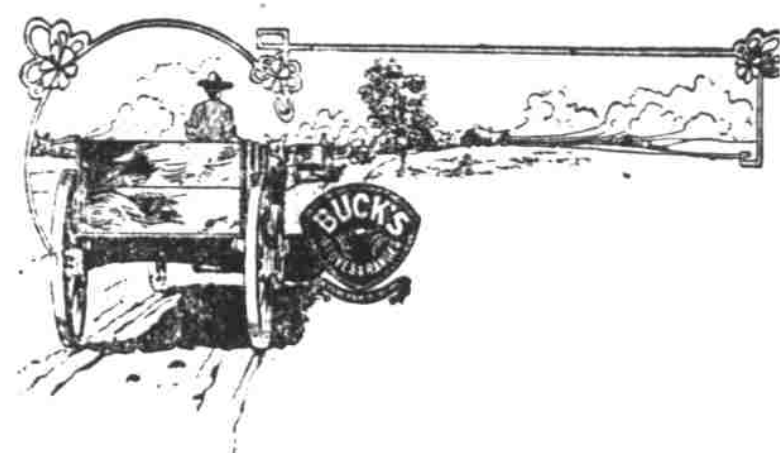
Beginning May 30th a new summer schedule will go into effect on the Carolina & North-Western and Caldwell & Northern railroads.

The present passenger and express trains will operate through to Edgemont and a new passenger train leaving here early in the morning and returning here about 9 o'clock same evening will be put into service.

There will be some other changes which will be noted when the new schedule is issued, which will be in a short time. The indications are that the new summer schedule will be very convenient and quite popular.

W. S. McCall, of Colfax, Washington, arrived in Lenoir Friday. He will remain here with his relatives and friends for several weeks. Mr. McCall has been on the road about forty days, stopping at different places and visiting friends and seeing the sights. We are glad to see friend McCall.

Bear in mind that quick treatment of a burn will not only relieve the suffering but will also frequently remove all danger of permanent scars.



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